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VERMONT IS NOW HELPLESS

Big Battleship is Being Towed to Norfolk, Va., by Delaware

REPAIRS CANNOT BE MADE AT SEA

In Addition to Breaking Crank Shaft Other Troubles Have Developed and the Vessel Is Helpless—Making Three Knots an Hour.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A wireless message was received today at Sandy Hook from the battleship Vermont, which was disabled at sea last week by the breaking of a shaft. The messages state that on Sunday morning the ship was forced to reduce its speed to eight knots an hour, because of some additional trouble, and on Monday some holding rivets on the port truss were carried away and she was forced to stop and request aid from the battleship Delaware. The latter has taken the Vermont in tow and is proceeding at a three-knot speed to Norfolk. The dispatches stated that repairs cannot be made on the Vermont until she reaches port.

WOULD HELP GOVERNOR.

People Ready to Use Money Raised for Flood Sufferers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17.—Though Gov. Samuel M. Ralston has not decided what disposition to make of the \$59,000 left from the funds contributed to aid the flood sufferers last spring nearly 100 persons in widely separated parts of the country have offered to relieve him of the trouble by accepting a part of the money. A man in Gettysburg, Pa., offers to sell the governor a valuable collection of lions' clasp. A Chicago man asks the governor to purchase him an artificial hand. A woman in Burlington, Vt., wants an ear trumpet. A Waverly, Iowa, man who is afflicted with rheumatism would like to have the governor start him in business, and many other letters have been received asking for money to be used in buying Christmas presents.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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Wanted

WANTED—Waitress at The Albany Cafe. 239-41
WANTED—Chambermaid at Brooks House. 244-216
WANTED—Boarders and roomers. Mrs. Frank Goodroe, 25 Green St. 196-41
WANTED—Girl for general housework. Mrs. A. P. Roberts, 4 Walnut St. 244-41
WANTED—Position in a store by young man. Address "C," Reformer office. 225-41
WANTED—Girl for general housework. Mrs. John Manley, 20 North Main St. 243-41
WANTED—A reliable girl to assist in general housework. Address "W," Reformer Office. 239-41
WANTED—A middle aged woman or girl for general housework. Address Mrs. W. E. Adams, R. F. D. No. 1, Brattleboro, Vt. 235-41
WANTED—Young man, 18, wishes position on farm; good steady, reliable worker. All references. R. T. Milner, No. Hinsdale, N. H. Tel. 689-M. 244-245
WANTED—Good size, warm room, suitable for two, with or without meals. Address giving price, "Rooms," care Reformer office. 244-245
WANTED—At once, a thoroughly competent man to run double edger in saw mill. Good wages and steady work. Apply to Holden & Martin. 235-41
WANTED—We want to contract at once for standing timber, also for all kinds of hard and soft wood logs, delivered at our mill during the coming winter. Will pay the best of prices. Holden & Martin, Frost street. 207-41

For Sale

FOR SALE—All kinds of dry wood. P. A. Larrow. 139-41
FOR SALE—Dry hard wood, split or in chunks. Crystal Springs Ice Co. 223-41
FOR SALE—25 sleighs, two top sleighs, 2 covered bakery traverses, 2 ment sleighs, one 2-horse sled, all kinds of sleds. Charles Miner. 229-41

UNUSUAL PROGRAM OF SONGS AND DANCES

Indian Maiden, Soprano Soloist and Interpretive Dancer Entertained Large Audience Last Night.

An enjoyable entertainment which was out of the ordinary in character and was attended by a large audience was given in the Auditorium last evening, when the Brattleboro Woman's club presented Miss Mary Kellogg in original story, ballad and dramatic dances, Mrs. Emily Wardwell Russell, soprano, and Miss Bee Mayes, an Indian maiden in legends, songs and dances. Miss Mary French was the accompanist for Miss Kellogg and Mrs. Russell, and Mr. Cook was Miss Mayes's accompanist.

The program, which was of generous length, opened with a group of Indian songs and dances by Miss Mayes (Pe-Ahm-E-Squett), who is a member of the Chippewa tribe and spent her early life with the tribe, playing about the camps with other children, later graduating from Haskell Institute, a government school for Indians, and then coming east to complete her musical studies. Miss Mayes is a young woman of charming personality, and she appeared in full Indian dress. She was like and graceful, and her illustrations of the sign language and her execution of various tribal dances and explanations of different symbols was at once entertaining and educational. She was given an enthusiastic reception. Mrs. Russell, who made many friends in Brattleboro during her residence at the Brooks House, sang a wide variety of songs in several languages, revealing a voice of pure and resonant quality. She also possessed marked technical ability, as was demonstrated by the song, "The Swallow," besides an artistic temperament.

The story of Thalia, a joyful muse in Greek mythology, was interpreted in seven dances by Miss Kellogg, and the outline of each dance was printed on the program. Miss Kellogg's translations were a revelation to most of the audience as to the possibilities in this line of art, graceful poses and movements taking the place of the spoken words of the legend. The program closed with two songs by Mrs. Russell, pleasingly interpreted by Miss Kellogg.

CONSUMERS CHEATED.

Dry Measure Standard Did Not Give Money's Worth.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 17.—Consumers of almost everything sold by the dry measure in this state in the last half century have been cheated out of millions of dollars by short measure. This has just been discovered through the ruling of the bureau of standards at Washington.

To Rent

TO RENT—Room at 15 Grove St. 204-41
TO RENT—Small tenement; also room. Charles Miner. 239-41
TO RENT—Modern flat for small family. E. M. Angier. 236-41
TO RENT—Seven-room house, furnace, \$10. 10 West St. A. Hammarlund. 245-247
TO RENT—Moderate priced tenement on Thomas St. Inquire at 6 Prospect St. 243-41
TO RENT—Large furnished front room, with electric lights and bath, 111 Main Street. 226-41
TO RENT—Tenement, nearly new, all modern, fine location. Inquire 36 Prospect St. 240-41
TO RENT—Seven-room cottage with modern improvements; 48 Green St. Inquire S. W. Edgett & Co. 227-41
TO RENT—Down stairs tenement, furnace heat, modern improvements, 18 Washington St. C. F. Nason. 239-41
TO RENT—Two floors in Ullery building annex, suitable for light manufacturing or storage. J. G. Ullery. 170-41
TO RENT—Large and small room, suitable for light housekeeping or office, running water and gas. 43 Main Street. 229-41
TO RENT—A quiet American family can find a good modern tenement of six rooms with garden. Apply to Edgett & Co. 243-41
TO RENT—Pleasant furnished sleeping room, front, ground floor, steam heat, electric light, use of bath. Mrs. E. W. Blodgett, 20 Spruce St. 244-246

BULLET WOUND CAUSED DEATH

Hokan Larson Was Making Good Recovery Until Femoral Artery Ruptured

FATAL RESULT WAS DUE TO OVERSTRAIN

Accident Happened Last October and Young Man Later Was Discharged from Hospital—Returned to Institution to Undergo Operation.

Hokan R. Larson, 26, who was accidentally shot in the leg by a bullet by his brother, Axel, Oct. 9, died yesterday in the Melrose hospital from a rupture of the femoral artery. After the shooting Mr. Larson was removed to the hospital, where he recovered from the immediate effects of the wound and returned to the home of John Strand on Strand avenue, where he resided.

Two weeks ago he felt so much improved that with his brother and a friend he went to Wardboro on a hunting trip. While there he began to suffer intense pain in his leg and a physician who was called to attend him at 2 o'clock one morning discovered that the artery had ruptured, probably from some strain upon it, and that a large clot had formed. He warned the young man that if the clot broke he would live only a few minutes. He then arranged to have the patient returned to Brattleboro and to the hospital. It was during the operation to cure for the blood clot that death occurred.

Mr. Larson came to this country six years ago from Sweden and for three years was employed in the Estey shops. For the last three years he had worked for Contractor W. E. Cushman. He was a carpenter, but was much interested in machinery. He was a general favorite among the Swedish residents of Brattleboro and all others who he knew.

Besides his brother, Axel, in Brattleboro, he leaves a sister, Victoria, in Boston, his father, a brother and four sisters in Sweden. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Swedish Lutheran church and the burial will take place in Morningside cemetery.

QUIET IN TAMPICO.

State Department Says Normal Conditions Have Been Restored.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The state department issued a statement today saying normal conditions were being restored in Tampico and that the American warships had returned safely to the city.

STETSON REELECTED.

Heads Maine State Grange for a Fourth Term.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 17.—C. S. Stetson was reelected master of the state grange for a fourth term today.

Special Notices

DOLL'S HOUSE, barn, schoolhouse and furniture, 4 Bullock St. 244-249
CASH PAID for dry wood. F. A. Larrow. 233-41
\$1.00 down and \$1.00 weekly buys a high grade range for a short time only. American & Son. 228-41
SEWING Machine Needles and Supplies for all makes of machines at J. B. Danton's, 16 Flat St.
HIGHEST cash prices paid for rags, rubbers, metals, hides, skins and bones. Geo. Goss, 22 Flat St. Tel. office 576-M.
MATERNITY cases or patients suffering from chronic illness given good care and pleasant home surroundings at 1 Green street. Tel. 122. 208-41
S. ZAR, 78 Elliot, buys rags, metals, rubbers, papers, cash, trade, Best prices. Mail card; I will call. Tel. 209-W. 243-41
MAPLE TIMBER—We are in the market for hard wood lots, containing maple timber. State location and quantity. Vermont Last Block Co., Brattleboro. 131-41
PALM LEAF baskets for sale in plain and fancy weaves, in a variety of shapes. Fancy work of all kinds to sell on commission. Mrs. Perry Gallup, 2 So. Main St. Phone 77-V. 243-248
HAIRCULTURE, badness, falling hair and dandruff cured. Shampooing and facial massage. Georgian Institute, Room 14 American bldg. Tel. 605-W or 366-W. Flora M. Kavanaugh, Mgr. 85-41
I WILL CLEAN and press your suit for 50 cents. Ladies' and gentlemen's garments repaired and altered at reasonable prices. Call 236-W and I will come for and deliver your work. Carl Klob. 237-248
PAINTING and Paper Hanging of all kinds is my business. I am also a specialist in treating floors. Good work and fair prices guaranteed. Give me a trial. Charles Ostergren, 48 Canal St. 243-248

BRIDE AND WIDOW WITHIN FOUR HOURS

Man Who Married Turners Falls Girl Dropped Dead from Apoplexy at New Rochelle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Bride and widow within four hours was the heart-breaking experience of Miss Florence Blucher of Turners Falls, Mass., who was married to John W. Morrison of Worcester, Mass., at New Rochelle last night at 7 o'clock. Morrison died at 11 o'clock of apoplexy in the Colonial hotel at New Rochelle, four hours after the wedding.

Morrison who was 39 years old, has been employed as chauffeur by Dr. Samuel B. Woodard of 58 Pearl street, Worcester, for the past two years. He came to Worcester from Turners Falls, and on Saturday went to his former home without telling his employer he intended to marry. Morrison and Miss Blucher went to New Rochelle Monday morning and were married at 7 o'clock last night. They went to the Colonial hotel at 8 o'clock and three hours later Morrison died.

STAMPS CANCELLED BEFORE BEING USED

Method Facilitates Handling Rush of Christmas Business—"Brattleboro, Vermont" on each One.

For the first time in the history of the Brattleboro postoffice permission has been obtained from the postal authorities to have on hand a large number of pre-cancelled stamps in order that the rush of business during the next week may be handled as expeditiously as possible.

Time is saved by this method. The clerk at the window weighs the parcel handed to him, marks upon it the amount of postage it requires, takes the money and passes the package along to another clerk, who promptly places upon it the necessary cancelled stamps. The package then goes directly into a mail sack or to a pile to be labelled later as parcel post material, without the necessity of its being handled again for the purpose of cancellation. The sheets of stamps are cancelled by having two black lines and the words "Brattleboro, Vermont" printed across each stamp at a printing office.

This method has been in use in large postoffices some years upon special occasions.

NINE-HOLE COURSE NEAR MEN'S RETREAT

Golf Expert Favorably Impressed with Location—Will Report on Probable Cost of Development.

Tom McNamara, the well-known golf professional, spent the greater part of yesterday looking over the land on the Retreat estate which is being considered as a site for a country club. Mr. McNamara was very favorably impressed with the possibilities for a golf course and laid out nine holes within the territory which is being considered. The site is in the country club idea. This land lies in front and to the north and west of what was formerly known as the Men's Retreat on the upper West Dunsmuir road. Mr. McNamara said the course he had laid out would be one of more than ordinary difficulty, but he spoke in high praise of its location, and will report on the probable cost of development.

Government horticulturists are trying to develop a rose that will grow in the United States and from which attar of roses can be distilled.

AT THE CENTRE CHURCH.

Wednesday evening at 7—Meeting of the Boy Scouts in the sloyd room. This will be for those who already have qualified or those who wish to qualify. Thursday from 2 to 5 at the home of Mrs. H. F. Jordan, meeting of the Ladies' association. The matter of making a contribution to the building fund will be discussed.

AT MASONIC TEMPLE.

A stated convocation of Beausant Commandery will be held at Masonic Temple Wednesday evening, Dec. 17, at 7:30 o'clock. Business: Temple. Special communication of Brattleboro lodge will be held Thursday evening at 7:30. Work: Entered Apprentice degree.

AN EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFT

is a Merrill Air-O-Player piano. Seekers of high grade Xmas piano players cannot make a better investment of time than to visit our warerooms and hear the truly beautiful tonal qualities of the Merrill. The Vocal & Sons piano is one of the truly fine high grade pianos and offers a most desirable selection for holiday presentation. Everything for Musicians. BARBER'S MUSIC STORE

WILL CHANGE DELEGATE BASIS

Republican National Committee Took Important Action Yesterday

VOTE UNANIMOUS AFTER LONG DEBATE

Reduction of Southern Representation and Recognition of Delegates Chosen Under State Primary Laws Voted Unanimously.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—After five hours of debate the Republican national committee last night determined that it was clothed with ample power to readjust the composition of the party's national conventions and had authority to make reforms in convention rules and procedure that have been demanded by many elements since the convention of 1912 and the Democratic victory at the polls in November of that year.

With little bitterness and no tangible evidence that differences which arose over methods could not be reconciled, the committee took steps which have been agitated in the party for 30 years and which have been vital factors in many exciting conventions in its later day history.

Without a dissenting vote the committee decided to make a change in the basis of representation in national conventions which will greatly affect Southern states; gave full recognition to the principles of the primary in the election of delegates to such conventions; approved, however, regarding such elections adopted by several states which provide that all delegates be selected at large, and accepted the principle that delegates properly accredited by state authorities shall be placed on the temporary convention roll. Informally it had been agreed that the new basis of representation should be referred to the Republicans in the various states for ratification. The only difference of opinion that developed on the surface was over the question of the machinery to be used to effect the reforms. Of the 49 committee men who voted on the one roll call taken, 14 favored the calling of a special convention to bring about these changes and 35 declared themselves opposed.

This roll-call by states resulted as follows: Nays—Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming—35.

Ayes—Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington and West Virginia—14.

The national committee met again today to conclude the reform measures undertaken to reunite the party and to clear the convention machinery of certain features and to reduce the representations in the national conventions from the southern states and congressional districts which are regarded as hopelessly Democratic.

MRS. PANKHURST RELEASED.

Militant Suffragette Left Holloway Jail This Morning.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was released from the Holloway jail at noon today. She had been imprisoned since Saturday.

Mrs. Pankhurst is in a serious condition as a result of her hunger and thirst strike. She was taken in an ambulance to the headquarters of the militant suffragettes. She plans to go to Switzerland to recuperate.

ROOT WILL NOT RUN.

Says He Would Not Accept Presidential Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Root declared in the Senate yesterday that he "could not and would not accept the Republican presidential nomination if it were offered to him."

MINE EXPLOSION CAUSES 38 DEATHS

Disaster in Colliery in Colorado Was Caused by the Accumulation of Dust.

NEWCASTLE, Col., Dec. 16.—Thirty-eight men were killed in the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company today by an explosion of coal dust. Two miners were rescued after the underground workings had caught fire. All the victims were married and all but six or eight were Americans.

Men in charge of rescue work asserted tonight that it probably would be a day or two before the bodies could be recovered. Before sundown the mine had been cleared of gas and a thorough exploration of the wrecked workings was made. Many of the bodies were frightfully mangled and burned. The Vulcan mine was only about a year old and was equipped with modern safety devices. It is believed the explosion was caused by an accumulation of dust in the west portion of the mine, where work had practically been abandoned. Most of the dead were found in the east workings to which the explosion was communicated.

This fall employees of the mine were called out on strike by the United Mine Workers of America, but some of them had gone back to work. The other victims of today's disaster were strike-breakers.

BROKE THE NEWS TO POPE PIUS X

His Holiness Deeply Affected on Hearing that Cardinal Rampolla Was Dead.

ROME, Italy, Dec. 17.—The death of Cardinal Rampolla, the former papal secretary of state, was not made known to Pope Pius X until this morning. Cardinal Merry Del Val and Monsignor Giovanni Bressan, the Pope's private secretary, went to His Holiness early this morning, intending to break the sad news as gently as possible, but when the Pope heard the name of Cardinal Rampolla coupled with indisposition, he grew pale and begged that they tell him the truth without hesitation, as the anxiety and uncertainty affected him more than anything else. The two prelates then told him Rampolla was dead. As recently as last Saturday the Pope had received Rampolla, and the latter was then apparently in good health. In a statement issued today the Pope declared that Cardinal Rampolla was one of the greatest men in the church and ordered that the highest honors of the church be paid to his memory.

WANTS COURT TO ENJOIN PROCEEDINGS

Shepardson Claims that County Court Judgement Against Him Is Dischargeable Through Bankruptcy.

There was a hearing this morning before Judge J. L. Martin in the federal court on a petition brought in the interests of George W. Shepardson of Londonderry by his attorneys, H. G. & P. E. Barber. Shepardson recently filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court at Rutland, giving his liabilities as \$1,538.26, the amount of a judgment with interest given to Edison E. and Martha Rowley of Londonderry in the Windham county court. The petition claims that the judgment is dischargeable through bankruptcy and seeks to enjoin further proceedings in the courts until such time as action may be taken in the bankruptcy matter. The hearing was continued to Tuesday.

VISITED PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

"Prince" Amgoza Wishes to Study System of This Country.

"Prince" Amgoza, who is appearing at the Empire theater here, visited the schools Monday, going to the grades from the fifth to the ninth and speaking to and playing for and singing to the high school pupils. Amgoza appeared here about a month ago seeking opportunity, he said, to study the school system of this country, and was looking for contributions from the children to support him while studying the system. At that time his request was denied. Monday he was permitted to visit the schools as the voluntary contribution on the part of the children were not included in the request. He has with him letters from the superintendents of schools in Bellows Falls, Greenfield, Mass., and other places.

COST \$792,889.

Raising of Battleship Maine an Expensive Proceeding.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The raising of the old battleship Maine from the mud of Havana has cost the United States \$792,889 according to a report sent to the House of Representatives by the war department. The total appropriation was \$900,000.

Most of the licorice root used in America comes from the marshy planes of Turkey and Russia.

WATER POWER CONFERENCE

Clarke C. Fitts of This Town Was Principal Speaker in Greenfield

URGED CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES

Millions of Tons of Coal, Which Is Becoming More Costly, Could Be Displaced Annually in New England—Legislative Action Probable.

GREENFIELD, Dec. 17.—A conference was held yesterday at the Mansion House upon the question of the conservation of water power which was attended by delegates from a large number of the commercial organizations along the Connecticut river and in the Connecticut valley. The principal speaker was Clarke C. Fitts of Brattleboro, who told in a very convincing manner of the work which might be done in the neighborhood of his town for the utilization of the water powers that are now running to waste. He presented figures showing that by the complete utilization of the water there could be saved annually the consumption of millions of tons of coal which is growing more and more costly every day, and set for the principle that in view of the protection which is being exercised by the state of Pennsylvania over its coal production there was growing to be more and more necessary the protection of the resources of water power in the New England states and the conservation of those resources.

There followed a discussion which was taken part in by representatives of the Holyoke, Northampton, Brattleboro, Shelburne Falls and Greenfield boards of trade and the proposal was made upon which action is likely to be taken that efforts be made to secure the co-operation of the legislature to permit the establishment of means for promoting conservation of water power along the Connecticut valley.

There was a hearing yesterday morning in the selectmen's rooms in the town hall upon the question of water power conservation before the state commission appointed under a special resolve of the legislature to consider the question. William S. McNary, the chairman of the special commission, presided at the hearing, and the other members present were Forrest L. Barker of Worcester, the chairman of the state commission on gas and electric light and Attorney-General James M. Swift of Fall River. There was a statement by Chairman McNary at the opening of the hearing of the purposes and objects of the commission. Those present at the conference from Brattleboro besides Mr. Fitts were Carl S. Hopkins and Dennison Cowles.



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